

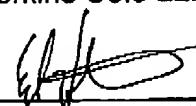
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Nakamura fails to disclose such a combination of features. For example, it is not clear what element of Nakamura's system is slidable with respect to first and second guides, as is the claimed cross-member. Claim 64 also calls for the retaining element, which selectively obstructs or does not obstruct movement of a tray, to be spaced a variable distance from this slidable cross-member. It is equally unclear to the undersigned what in Nakamura could be deemed such a retaining element. In addition, the undersigned sees nothing in Nakamura which would comprise a mounting element of a receiving station that cooperates with the retainer to hold or release it as stated in claim 64.

In view of the foregoing, the claims pending in the application comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112 and patentably define over Nakamura. A Notice of Allowance is, therefore, respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 264-3848.

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